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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE OF PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO EC

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1. IN A FAREWELL CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR FERNANDO DE MAGALHAES CRUZ, PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO THE EC AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS-DESIGNATE, TWO POINTS OF INTEREST CAME UP: EC-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS AND PORTUGUESE-AFRICAN PROBLEMS.
2. ON THE QUESTION OF FUTURE PORTUGUESE LINKS WITH THE EC, MAGALHAES CRUZ SAID THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SEEKING, IN DUE COURSE, A CLOSER CONNECTION THAN THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT. IN HIS VIEW, THE QUESTION WOULD BE FULL ACCESSION (WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND DELAYS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE RELATIVELY BACKWARD PORTUGUESE ECONOMY) VERSUS AN ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH A PLAN AND SCHEDULE LEADING TO FULL MEMBERSHIP. HE RECOGNIZED THAT STICKING AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE XXIV WOULD BE BEST IN TERMS OF GATT OBLIGATIONS.
3. ALTHOUGH RELATIONS WITH THE EC WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN THE LONG RUN, MAGALHAES CRUZ SAID THE MORE IMPORTANT IMMEDIATE

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PROBLEM WAS DEALING WITH THE AFRICAN TERRITORIES. HE FELT

THAT TIME WAS REQUIRED AND THAT INSISTENCE ON PROMPT ACTION WOULD ADD TO PORTUGAL'S DIFFICULTIES, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL. MAGALHAES CRUZ EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE EXTERNAL SUPPORT FOR A REASONABLE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS AND THE AFRICAN STATES. IF THE PRESENT AFRICAN NEGOTIATIONS DID NOT SUCCEED, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD PROBABLY RESIGN AND TAKE THE SOCIALISTS OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT, THUS FURTHER COMPLICATING THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

4. MAGALHAES CRUZ IS LEAVING BRUSSELS JUNE 15 AND DRIVING HIS FAMILY TO LISBON, TAKING A FEW DAYS' LEAVE EN ROUTE. DURING HIS FOUR-YEAR TOUR IN BRUSSELS, MAGALHAES CRUZ HAS ACQUIRED A REPUTATION AS AN INTELLIGENT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVER OF EC AFFAIRS. HE HAS ALSO NEGOTIATED EFFECTIVELY WITH THE EC. OUR CONTACTS, BOTH OFFICIAL AND SOCIAL, HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT, AND MAGALHAES CRUZ SEEMS TO BE ADMIRABLY QUALIFIED FOR HIS NEW POST. GREENWALD

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